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through the list here for you. Little IBP, Inc., Dakota City, got \$301,000 out of the LUST Fund, that's in 1996. I mean I understand, those people were down and out fellows, and they deserve our...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...they deserve the taxpayers' dollars. Poor little IBP, I think they only, you know, they only had record profits last quarter, a couple billion dollars. Well, the taxpayers of Nebraska helped them clean up some site to the tune of \$301,000. Here's Amoco Oil, I tried to find my friends from big oil, back there, but they received money. US West, I mean this is a great company, there is no question. US West is a great company; I'm not going to knock them like I knock IBP. But here's US West got money to clean up a site. Casey's General Store, well, Casey's General Store, if you know anything about Casey's General Stores, there's hundreds of them, they're making lots of money, and the taxpayers don't need to bail them out to do these cleanups. So when you defend the LUST Fund remember this is not sacred cow. There are monies being spent here to help people that don't need the money. Just wanted to make sure that was in the record today, because I know we're going to move on at three o'clock. Senator Vrtiska, thank you for yielding me your last minute.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bruning. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Appropriations reports LB 758 to General File, that report signed by Senator Wehrbein. And amendments to be printed: Senator Chambers, to LB 620, LB 142, and to LB 536. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1620-1621.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Pursuant to today's agenda, we will move to Select File, 2001 senator priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 773 is the first bill. Enrollment and Review amendments have been adopted. Senator Burling had